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2. Comment. The so-called Russian Bridge is a wooden emergency bridge built by the Soviets as the northernmost of the three highway bridges in Frankfurt/Oder after the end of the war. Since the old Oderstadt Bridge was reconstructed in the fall of 1952 and one lane of the autobahn bridge will be completed by the end of 1955, it appears credible that the Russian Bridge will be dismantled, because its maintenance is rather costly.

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